

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

41-2177

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, do hereby veto Senate Bill 1279 because of the following objections:

S.B. 1279, as originally passed by the Senate, amended the competitive bidding statutes governing state, county, and city purchasing to authorize taking into consideration the safety record of a bidder in determining the lowest responsible bid. These same provisions are contained in House Bill 662, which I have already signed into law.

During its passage, provisions were hastily added to Senate Bill 1279 which would criminalize what the bill labels "separate," "sequential" and "component" purchases by cities, counties, and school districts. Also added to the bill was a provision to permit a county clerk or recorder to use an optical data storage process for the storage of records.

The original intent of this bill has been addressed and, in my opinion, the amendments cause the bill to violate the letter, spirit and intent of Article III, Section 35(a) of the Texas Constitution. Moreover, I am persuaded that the amendment relating to separate, sequential and component purchasing is not in the public interest.

The Secretary of State shall take notice of this action and notify the Legislature.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of June, 1987.



W. P. Clements, Jr.
William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor of Texas

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